



TSRA Foundation 202-20 2 Sportsman's Scholarships

"In Honor of an Anonymous Donor"

Note: The TSRAF "Sportsman's" Scholarship applications are due in the TSRA office by June 15, 202.

The Texas State Rifle Association Foundation ("TSRAF") will be awarding at least one Sportsman's scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 for the academic year (202-202). The scholarship funding is made possibly via an anonymous donor whom shall remain undisclosed until his passing and at which time the Sportsman's scholarship fund will be renamed in his memory and endowed. At the wishes of the donor, this scholarship is to encourage, recognize and promote the education of our future leaders in wildlife management, hunting heritage and activities, and conservation of wildlife and natural resources.

Criteria:

- x Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, a Texas resident, and a member of the Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA).
- x **Donor guidelines provide that applicants must show a financial need for the scholarship funding; have and promote a hunting heritage; promote, participate, and support hunting, shooting sports, and firearm safety; and practice and support management and conservation of wildlife and natural resources that enhance wildlife.**
- x Applicants should be majoring in academic studies that support the donor guidelines shown above. Examples include, but are not limited to, Wildlife Management and Conservation, Natural Resource/Range/Forestry management, Wildlife biology or zoology. Any major that enhances hunting, wildlife management, and conservation may apply.
- x Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student at a Texas institution of higher learning. This includes but is not limited to: Junior college, 4-year College/University, Trade or Vocational institutions. High School Seniors may apply but must show proof of acceptance to their selected Texas institution of higher learning.
- x Current college students must have an overall GPA of 2.50 or greater on the 4.0 scale to apply and maintain the Scholarship for that school year. Applicants must also remain full-time students (minimum load of 12 semester hours per semester).
- x Automatic renewal of an awarded scholarship is not guaranteed and is at the discretion of the TSRA Foundation Board of Directors annually with review and approval of the donor.
- x Applicants may apply for any and all TSRA/TSRAF related scholarships; however, recipient may only be granted one annually.
- x Applicant must submit a 250 -500 word, double spaced essay based on one of the following subjects:
 - o **MY FAVORITE RIFLE/SHOTGUN IN MY FAMILY FIREARM COLLECTION**
 - o **RECENT HUNTING EXPERIENCE(S)**
 - o **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT/CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES**
 - o **Include recent photos/videos of your activities/endeavors in the outdoors**

Application Evaluation:

The TSRA Scholarship Committee will review applications and submit recipient recommendations to the TSRA Foundation Board of Directors for awards. The Committee (all volunteers) will consider the following information in the evaluation of applicants:

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| x Financial need for scholarship | x Essay quality and content |
| x Academic achievement and special accomplishments | x Academic or Community references (non-family) |
| x school service (extra-curricular activities/volunteer work) | x Applicants must have experience in shooting/marksmanship and firearm safety and should be a hunter. |
| x Community and/ or Work experience | |

The Donor requests that the committee/Foundation take into special consideration to receive the Sportsman's scholarship students from low to mid-income families that enjoy family hunting outings, firearm collecting, and engage in wildlife management/conservation programs in Texas –students that have not received other numerous scholarships.

Note: Funds for scholarship recipients will be paid directly to the Financial Aid office in two installments (\$1,000 fall semester and \$1,000 spring semester). Recipients are responsible for providing the TSRA Foundation with the appropriate process and paperwork to send in funds to be credited to the student's account.

Donations to the TSRA Foundation are encouraged and are tax deductible. Contributions support Youth shooting Programs and Scholarships.

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